(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान कच्चे तेल और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयातों की मात्रा निम्नवत् है:—

मात्रा: "000" टन

मद		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*
क.	कच्चा तेल	27342	33906	34494
ख.	पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद जिसमें से	20335	20265	19530
	एल पी जी	678	1035	1087
	ए टी एफ	97	150	55
	एस के ओ	5001	5279	3812
	एच एस डी	12852	13608	14075
	भट्टी तेल	1209	694	141
	स्नेहक	58	44	25
	कुल योग (क+ख)	47677	54171	54024

*अनंतिम

Setting up pipelines by Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd.

408. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a proposal from Reliance Petrochemicals Limited for setting up of pipelines in seven States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the terms and conditions for clearance of such proposals received from private companies;

(c) when the Reliance project is likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether Government have received such proposals from other private companies, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) has sought permission to lay a product pipeline from Jamnagar via Ahmedabad to Indore (Phase-I) and for its extension from Indore to Hyderbad via Bhopal and Nagpur, with branch pipelines from Ahmedabad to Patna and from Ahmedabad to Hazira (Phase-II).

Essar Oil Limited (EOL) has also sought permission to lay a product pipeline from Jamnagar to Sultanpur via Ratlam and Bhander.

As per present policy, product pipeline are laid by M/s. Petronet India Limited (PIL) through subsidiaries incorporated for specific projects. PIL needs to examine the proposals of RPL and EOL to take an appropriate decision in due course.

Waiting list of LPG

409. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) the total number of persons on the LPG waiting list in the country, State-wise, separately;

(b) whether Government have recently initiated some steps to clear the waiting list; and

(c) if so, the details of benefits each State would get?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The requisite information is given in Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of the existing production sources, putting up new plants and higher import through existing and new facilities. With the expected higher availability of LPG through imports and indigenous production, more connections are planned to be released in future and it is expected to clear the entire waiting list by the year 2000-2001 A.D.

(c) The new LPG connections are not allocated on State-wise basis. Release of new connections against the waiting list depends *inter-alia* upon product availability, slack available with the existing distributors, minimum sustainable allocation to newly commissioned distributors and unviable distributors etc.

Statement

Statewise waiting list as on 1-10-1998

State	(Figs in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	11.18
Arunachal Pradesh	0.20
Assam	2.29
Bihar	5.77
Delhi	7.72
Goa	0.70
Gujarat	7.63
Haryana	5.08
Himachal Pradesh	0.72
Jammu & Kashmir	1.22
Karnataka	5.96
Kerala	8.21
Madhya Pradesh	6.99
Maharashtra	13.21
Manipur	0.11
Meghalaya	0.11
Mizoram	0.08
Nagaland	0.12
Orissa	2.37
Punjab	6.97
Rajasthan	7.74
Sikkim	0.02
Tamil Nadu	15.11
Tripura	0.41
Uttar Pradesh	14.94
West Bengal	11.14
Union Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	0.13
Chandigarh	0.85
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.02
Daman & Diu	0.05
Lakshadweep	0.00
Pondicherry	0.47

Marketing of LPG in Rural Areas

410. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enhance the marketing of LPG in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh would benefit from this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) From the Marketing Plan 1996—98, it has been decided to extend the LPG facility for the rural areas adjoining the towns also, as per the following policy.

(i) wherever feasible, all towns with a population of 5,000 and above including villages within 15 KMs. radius, to make a viable distributorship.

(ii) Wherever feasible, all villages with a population of 10,000 and above, including the villages within 15 KMs. radius to make a viable distributorships.